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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sirs,

Together with PCT National Stage filing documents, Applicant requests that the preliminary amendment set forth below be entered.

## In the specification:

## **CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This is a PCT application designating the United States, and for the purposes of the United States, should be considered a US continuation in part application claiming priority under §120 to US patent applications serial number 60/376479 entitled "Reamer Spindle for Minimally Invasive Joint Surgery", filed April 30, 2002 and serial number 60/384186 entitled "Easy-Clean Minimally Invasive Surgical Reamer", filed on May 5, 2002, both which are incorporated herein by reference thereto and relied upon.